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FOR: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISINFECTING A REFRIGERATED

WATER COOLER RESERVOIR"

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

This is a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181.

Attorneys for applicant are in the zone affected by Hurricane Katrina. Therefore, the Patent and Trademark Office restarted, effective 15 September 2005, the deadline for responding to the present Notice of Allowance (please see the paper in this file with a mail room date of 15 September 2005). Since the issue fee was mailed with the certificate of mailing by 15 December 2005, it was timely filed. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment dated 15 March 2006 be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely

SERIAL NO.: 09/996,328 Petition dated March 29, 2006 reply to Notice dated 15 March 2006

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Respectfully submitted,

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